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\$55m loans to Algeria, Yemen
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12, (R). — Education loans totalling \$55 million to Algeria and Yemen were announced today by the World Bank and its soft-loan affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA).
The loan to Algeria, for \$47 million, will be used to reorganise and improve the technical education programmes.
An IDA loan to Yemen is for \$8 million and is designed for basic education programmes in rural areas.

protest Zionist congress
L.A., Feb. 12 (AFP). — President Idi A. Uganda, Chairman of the Organisation for African Unity, has protested in the name of King Baudouin over the Zionist congress scheduled to be held in Belgium from Feb. 12 to 15.
Uganda sent a telegram to the King, Field-Marshal Baudouin, and the OAU and the people of Uganda protesting "in the strongest terms" against the activities which had been condemned by the Third World and the United Nations.

Arabs arrest 26 Arab students as West Bank resistance continues

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Israeli soldiers arrested 26 Arab students in the West Bank on Wednesday. The students were taken to a detention camp in the occupied territories. The arrest was part of a series of operations aimed at suppressing the growing resistance movement in the West Bank. The students were accused of participating in demonstrations and acts of civil disobedience. The Israeli military authorities stated that the students were being held for further investigation.



ANGOLA SCENE. — Jonas Savimba, UNITA leader, left, inspects some Soviet 75mm recoilless cannons in the eastern Angola city of Luso Wednesday as the area came under intensified pressure from the MPLA. (AP wirephoto).

MPLA victory brings wide recognition by African states

LONDON, Feb. 12, — The last major stronghold of pro-western forces in Angola today was reported to have fallen to the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA).
The collapse of Silva Porto meant that the next barrier to confront the communist-backed forces in their relentless thrust southwards would be the estimated 4,000 South African troops drawn up near the border with Namibia (South West Africa).
Reports of the speed of the advance spurred fears in Johannesburg of a direct military clash between the South African troops and the MPLA forces, spearheaded by Cuban soldiers and equipped largely by the Soviet Union.
With the two forces only about 130 miles apart today, South African Defence Minister Pieter Bomha declared: "we can more than hold our own."
The MPLA is estimated to hold about 75 per cent of Angola and military analysts in South Africa today said UNITA has virtually no chance of staging a military comeback.
Twenty-nine African states have now announced they recognise the MPLA's Peoples' Republic which has been admitted as the 47th member of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).
But U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told a news conference today the apparent victory of the MPLA after nine months of civil war had not altered America's refusal to accept a government which, he said, was "not representative of the Angolan people."

Morocco takes key West Sahara post

RABAT, Feb. 12 (Agencies). — Moroccan forces have taken over Mahbes, the last bastion of the Saharan Polisario Front Independence Movement, Moroccan Saharan Commander Colonel Ahmed Difi said in El Aaiun today.
Mahbes is 50 kms from Tindouf on the Algerian frontier and an Algerian military presence had been reported there.
Mahbes' swift capture by the Moroccan has led observers here to speculate that there was no resistance. The Moroccans are now in control of all the former Polisario strongholds, including Tifariti, Bir Lahlou and Guelta, sources said.
Observers held that only mopping up and policing operations were now needed for Rabat to be in complete control on its Western Sahara sector.
Meanwhile, guerillas of the Polisario Front Independence Movement have reoccupied the Angala oasis in Western Sahara where Algerian and Moroccan forces clashed last month, a Polisario spokesman said in Algiers.
In Madrid, on official bulletin announced that Spain's Governor General Frederico Goitia said the Spanish army was "in complete control" of the area.
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Khatib: Israeli excavations in Jerusalem will dislocate 3,000 Arabs

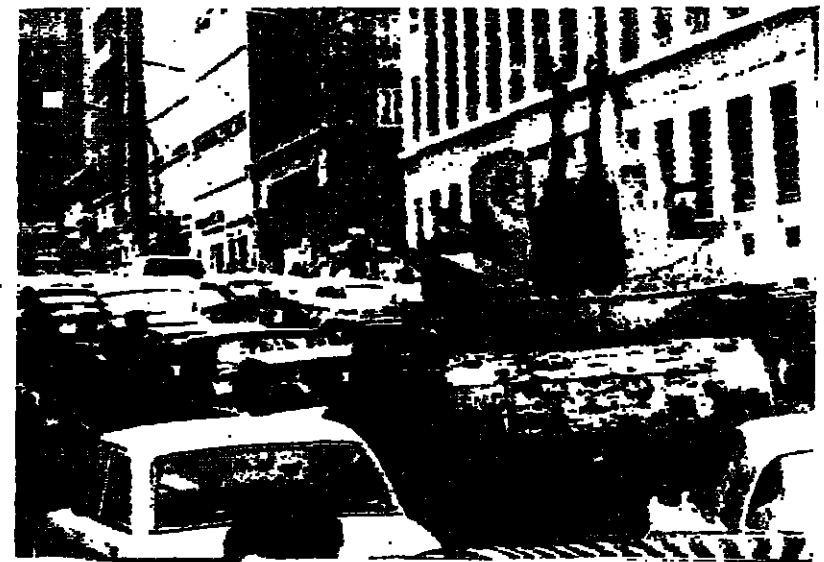
JERUSALEM, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Arab Mayor of Occupied Jerusalem Mr. Rowhi al-Khatib warned that continued Israeli excavations under the Dome of the Rock would dislocate 3,000 Arabs from their homes. He said the excavations were causing structural damage to nearby buildings and that the Israeli authorities were forcing the displacement of the Arab population. Khatib said that the excavations were a violation of international law and that the Israeli government was responsible for the displacement of the Arab population. He called for international intervention to stop the excavations and to protect the rights of the Arab population in Jerusalem.

Bank openings boost hopes in Beirut

BEIRUT, Feb. 12, (R). — Banks in Lebanon reopened today after a two-month closure as a result of the fighting. The fund added UNICEF said. The fund added that it would concentrate its work on the poorest districts of Beirut and areas of the country most seriously damaged or isolated during hostilities.
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Financial experts said this reflected the people's faith in the general situation and its general improvement following the ceasefire agreement worked out by Syria and Lebanese leaders on January 22. Since then, life in this capital has slowly returned to normal.
But officials were alert for any possible incidents. Large numbers of security forces guarded the city's commercial centre while others kept watch inside the banks.
Political sources said many people were now hopeful for the future because the latest ceasefire, unlike the 25 others before it, had been accompanied by a political agreement.
In Geneva, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said it had allocated \$ 500,000 to help children affected by fighting in Lebanon.
The fund would need to raise at least another \$ 500,000 to finance its programme for Lebanon this year, UNICEF's office for Europe added.
The programme includes reconstructing and equipping schools, health services, water supplies and social services.

U.N. body gets resolution on Israel rights violations

GENEVA, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Seven Non-Arab countries today submitted a draft resolution to the United Nations Human Rights Commission accusing Israel of war crimes in the Arab territories it occupies.
The commission has this week been debating allegations of Israeli violations of human rights in the occupied territories—the West Bank of the River Jordan, the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula—and observers expected the resolution to come to a vote today unless delegates wished to amend it.
The draft proposed that the commission deplore once again "Israel's continued grave violations" of international law which amounted to war crimes and "an affront to humanity."
The document accused Israel of changing the status of Jerusalem, trying to annex parts of occupied land, destroying Arab houses, pillaging archaeological and cultural property, implanting an alien population and seizing land from Arabs.
The inhabitants had been evacuated, deported, expelled and displaced as well as subjected to mass arrests, administrative detention and ill-treatment, it declared.
According to the resolution, the Israelis had interfered with religious freedom and practice and family life and customs, and denied local inhabitants their right to education and cultural life.
The sponsors of the resolution were Cyprus, Cuba, Upper Volta, India, Pakistan, Senegal and Yugoslavia.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS. — A Lebanese army tank is parked in Riad Solh street in downtown Beirut, the capital's banking district, as commercial life started returning to normal

Moro cabinet ends government crisis

MANAGUA, Feb. 12, (Agencies). — The cabinet will meet over the next few days to appoint under secretaries of state, sources said.
The cabinet is expected to last only the few weeks needed to approve a set of urgent measures to restore the economy, and to determine whether some alternative government is feasible.
This will be decided at congresses of the Socialist and Christian Democrat parties next month.
Apart from dropping Signor Gui, Signor Moro has made no other changes.
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Kaddoumi: PLO has never agreed to go to Geneva talks

KUWAIT, Feb. 12, (R). — A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was quoted here today as saying the PLO had never said it was willing to participate in a reconvened Geneva Middle East Peace Conference.
The Newspaper Al-Qabas said that Mr Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO foreign affairs spokesman, was answering a question by its correspondent in Paris about reports that Egypt had called for a resumption of the Geneva Conference to be attended by the PLO.
Mr Kaddoumi, who headed the PLO delegation to last month's Palestinian debate at the United Nations Security Council, said "President Sadat can go to Geneva if he wants to, but we the Palestinians have never said that we would go to Geneva."
He said the Palestine National Council, the PLO "parliament," had rejected the idea of Palestinian participation in the Geneva talks.
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Top Lockheed men likely to resign because of illegal donation scandal

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 — Top directors of the giant Lockheed aircraft manufacturing company are expected to resign shortly in the wake of reports of payments of millions of dollars in bribes to foreign officials, informed sources said here today.
The reports, by a congressional committee, have touched off a world-wide scandal in countries that include Japan, Sweden, the Netherlands, West Germany, Italy and Turkey.
The public prosecutor's office in Ankara said today all documents of the Lockheed representative there had been seized as part of an investigation into the firm's activities in Turkey.
While in Washington, visiting Japanese members of parliament asked Lockheed official A. C. Kitchin for the names of high Japanese officials who accepted bribes. He said a federal judge had instructed him to "keep his mouth shut," the Yomiuri Shimbun reported in Japan.
In the Netherlands, Prince Consort Bernhard, under investigation concerning a million-dollar Lockheed bribe, has received messages of sympathy, a government spokesman announced.
Top Lockheed executive Daniel J. Houghton and his chief aide A.C. Kitchin were expected to resign from the company within a few weeks and might quit within a few days, sources said. Senior executives in other American corporations tainted by similar bribery scandals have resigned, notably Thomas Jones, the head of the Northrop Aircraft Company, and Bob Dorsey, the head of Gulf Oil Corporation.

Dayan: Israel must keep nuclear option

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12, (R). — Former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan has said Israel must keep open its option on nuclear weapons while trying to build its own long-range missiles.
Addressing a public meeting last night, Mr Dayan said: "despite United States feelings, Israel must keep open its nuclear weapons option and try to build long-range missiles for its own simple reason—our very lives depend on our ability to defend ourselves."
Israel has shown interest in obtaining the American long-range Pershing missile, which was originally designed to carry a nuclear warhead.
The move was opposed by some members of the Congress and in the U.S. press and is believed to have been one of the items referred to by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as "gadgets" among the Israeli original arms request to Washington. The remark was made in a background briefing during his official visit to the United States last week.
Mr Dayan supported the Israeli request for the Pershings as an answer to similar Soviet-made weapons possessed by the Arab states. But he said the Israeli request was for conventional and not nuclear warheads.
Mr Dayan said that since the October war the Arab nations have been getting from both the West and East European countries "from five to ten times as much (military equipment) as Israel has been getting from the U.S., and Washington must understand that this imbalance, which threatens our very existence, cannot continue."

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SHOOTOUT. — In Albuquerque, New Mexico, unidentified gunmen started a shootout with sheriff's deputies Thursday near the city's downtown business district. A wounded bystander is shown being led away by police, while a second injured man lies on the ground at left. The cause of the shootout was not immediately known. (AP wirephoto).

Mrs. Binh: U.S. should contribute to repairing Vietnam war damage

PARIS, Feb. 12, (AFP). — anniversary of the end of the war is to be celebrated. Nguyen Thi Binh, South Vietnamese Provisional Revolutionary Government Foreign Minister, today called on the United States to apply the 1973 Paris peace agreement and contribute to repairing Vietnamese war damage.

Mrs Binh told Agence France-Presse that although some clauses of the agreement were no longer applicable, the basic principles should be respected. In Paris for the recent 22nd French Communist Party congress, Mrs Binh also urged Washington to lift its trade embargo on Vietnam.

"We are fulfilling our undertakings, and the United States should do the same," she said.

"One only has to look at their attitude at the United Nations, where, on two occasions, and against the unanimity of the other countries, they opposed the admission of the two Vietnamese governments," she said.

On the reunification of the two Vietnams, Mrs Binh recalled that general elections will take place on April 25, but there would not be time to form a government between then and April 30, when the first

anniversary of the end of the war is to be celebrated.

Talks were going on with France on oil prospecting concessions she said, but they were also taking place with a number of other countries.

Asked about foreign companies resuming their activities in South Vietnam, Mrs Binh said: "All companies serving the development of the country will be not only permitted, but encouraged."

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Iraqis discover 9th century BC inscribed tablets

BAGHDAD, Feb. 12, (R). — An Iraqi archaeological team has found several alabaster tablets with inscriptions dating back to the ninth century B.C. in northern Iraq, it was announced here today.

Some recorded the achievements and conquests of King Ashur the Second, who ruled the Assyrian Kingdom at the time, the announcement said.

Cups and urns of ivory, decorated with legendary figures and some inlaid with gold or gems, were also found at a section of the royal palace at Nimrod, in the northern province of Nineveh.

The team also discovered caskets for jewellery and perfume vessels.

Thais affirm U.S. troop pullout

BANGKOK, Feb. 12, (AFP). — Thai Deputy Premier and Defence Minister Pramarn Adireksarn today assured that all U.S. combat troops will be withdrawn from Thai soil by March 20.

Maj. Gen. Pramarn was commenting on a report that some American military personnel would stay on in Thailand as "advisers" after the March 20 deadline.

Stagg, 34, was in Wakefield prison, north England, after being jailed for 10 years in November 1973 for his part in an IRA conspiracy to cause explosions in England.

It was Stagg's fourth hunger strike in two-and-a-half years. He was demanding a written guarantee from the Home Office that he would not be returned to solitary confinement and would be transferred to a prison in Northern Ireland "in a reasonable time."

His death brings fear of violent reprisals from IRA guer-

Little prospect for early reopening of American military bases in Turkey

ANKARA, Feb. 12, (R). — Despite months of intensive bargaining Turkey and the United States are still deeply divided on how the 26 American bases closed down by Ankara last July should be reopened.

The issue has badly strained relations between Washington and Turkey.

Mr Caglayangil postponed his proposed visit to Washington and informed sources said it appeared that the two sides were still far apart.

The Turkish foreign minister feared his talks would achieve nothing, and he did not want to return empty handed the sources said.

The postponement dimmed the prospects for a quick reopening of the bases.

Several issues remain to be solved, but the key question is money, reliably sources said, Turkey wants \$ 1.5 billion spread over three years before it allows the bases to reopen, but President Ford's administration feels it cannot ask Congress for more than \$ 1 billion spread over five years.

Complicating the issue is the duel between Dr Kissinger and Congress over who should run U.S. Foreign policy.

U.S. sources said Dr Kissing-

er would need Turkish guarantees of progress on the Cyprus issue if he was to persuade Congress to approve future military aid for Turkey. As things stand, the prospects for rapid progress to solve the island's problems look dim.

Turkey closed down the installations out of anger at Congress's refusal to lift the arms embargo it imposed almost exactly one year ago in a ly. lifted, and since then, informed sources said, there had been an agreement in principle on parts of a 25-article draft agreement.

This accord states that the bases, formerly termed joint installations will now be exclusively Turkish with American troops subordinate to Turkish officers, informed sources said.

If the two ministers cannot strike a bargain over the money, it is difficult to see how the bases could be re-opened.

This raises the possibility of an American pullout that would fit the pattern of waning U.S. influence on NATO's divided south-eastern flank, observers said.

Turkey also wants the U.S. to guarantee that it will not impose its arms embargo.

U.S. negotiators have said Congress is free to halt overseas expenditure at will, and

Dr Kissinger had been expected to tell Mr Caglayangil that the price of Congressional goodwill was a softer Turkish line on Cyprus.

Turkey has repeatedly said it is ready for what it calls "meaningful negotiations" on all issues with the Greek side, an obtuse formula intended to indicate that Greek demands for territorial concessions will be part of an eventual solution.

But even before Mr Caglayangil delayed his visit to Washington, a new dispute broke out with Athens that appeared to threaten the tenuous agreement he reached with the Greeks to resume the stalled Cyprus peace talks.

The Turks claim this pact, struck in Brussels last December between the Foreign Minister of the two hostile allies, provides for the negotiations to resume without preconditions and with no single issue taking priority.

The Greeks argue that territorial concessions by the Turks—whose troops are still occupying the north of the island—should head the agenda when negotiations resume in Vienna on February 17.

The decision by two Congressional committees to make a resumption of military aid dependent on progress towards a Cyprus solution has made this situation even more delicate, observers said.

In the past, U.S. pressure on Turkey has elicited only a toughening of Ankara's line and this pattern will probably be repeated if Congress approves the committee's recommendations.

Even if the bases reopen, the strains produced by the close-down are likely to continue.

Informed sources said Turkey wanted a bigger share of intelligence material gathered and greater access to the secret eaves dropping devices at the bases so that Turkish technicians could be trained to replace the Americans.

Washington was likely to resist these demands.

Seamus Loughran, spokesman for the Sinn Fein movement which acts as the IRA's political front, "Frank's death must not go unavenged," he said.

Negotiations on reopening the bases started last October, when the embargo was partial-

The magic and grace of Japanese classical dance comes to Amman

Riad 4, (JT). — Japanese dances and songs last week entertained spectators at the ball of the Hussein to different parts

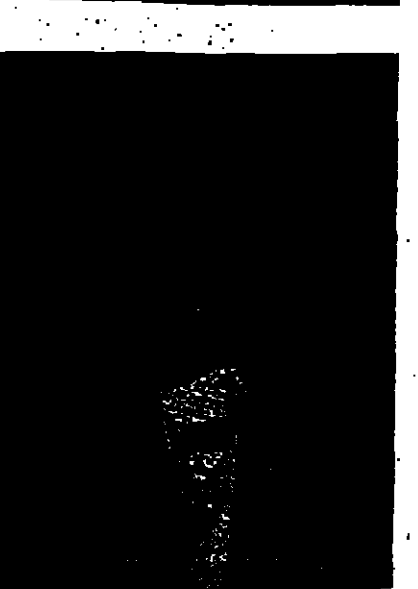
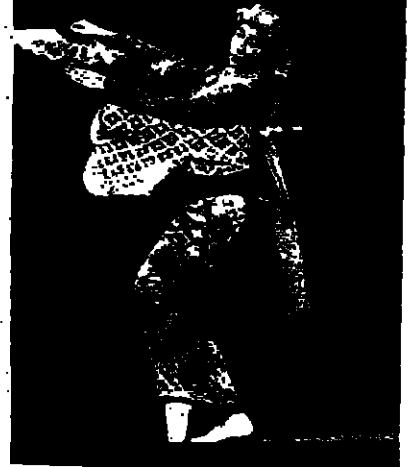
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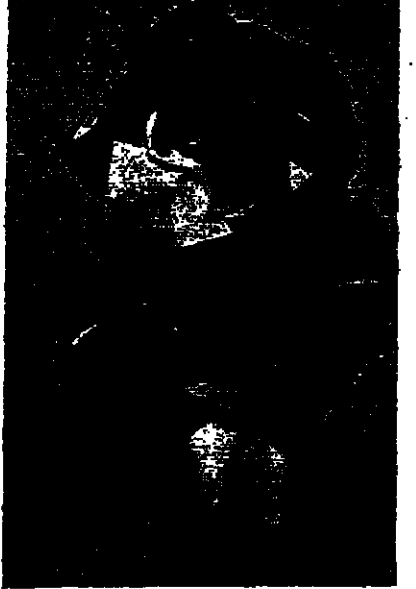
Mr Kimura added that his troupe gives annual performances in Tokyo every spring.

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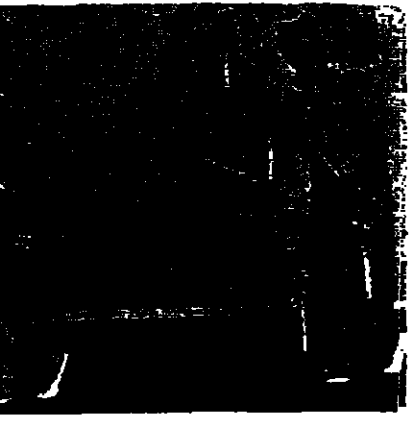
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New power source for Jordan

By Liza Gress

Special to the Jordan Times

Solar energy could make Jordan the centre of an energy pool for other Middle Eastern and African countries, and it will be the pioneer of highly complicated and advanced technology.

The Middle East Studies Centre in Rome, alongside all its cultural activities, runs large experimental laboratories.

Here they are awaiting approval by the Jordanian Government so that they can start to establish.

Solar Plants here in Jordan with the co-operation of the Jordanian Royal Scientific Society.

They hope to be able to set up systems to convert solar energy into other forms of energy, namely electricity, and this will help future developments in Jordan, as there will then be no more cause to be hampered by lack of fuel. This is the opinion of the director of the Middle East Studies Centre, Mr. Giovanni du Jardin.

Thus Jordan would not have to depend on Arab or foreign sources for its energy needs.

The availability of large quantities of solar energy, is an essential condition for the development of industries and agriculture.

Water pumping, especially in semi-desert areas, irrigation plants and desalination of sea-water could all run on solar energy says Mr. du Jardin.

Solar energy plants have also the advantage of operating without producing pollution of any kind, unlike other energy plants.

Mr. du Jardin further said that the solar laboratories will be built by Jordanians while the centre will provide engineers and experts. That is the technology will be completely transferred from Italian to Jordanian staff.

The research for solar energy plants has been done in Italy with particular concern for the problems here in Jordan.

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ENERGY TALKS. — As the north-south dialogue talks got underway in Paris this week, the energy commission co-chairmen are pictured at the start of their group's meetings Thursday. They are Stephen Bosworth (gesturing) of the U.S., and next to him at the table Mr. M. Taher of Saudi Arabia. (AP wirephoto).

More orders for European tiptoe jet

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Officials uncover Iranian sugar frauds with U.K. firm

TEHERAN, Feb. 12, (AFP). — Iranian officials carried out fraudulent operations over cereal imports as well as sugar purchases as reported earlier this week, the French-language journal De Teheran reported today.

It said the amount of money involved was "about the same or even greater" than that in the sugar swindles.

The Iranian government has now decided to check all the orders for food supplies from abroad placed within the past two years and worth tens of millions of dollars, including at least three million tons of wheat, informed sources said.

The investigation is part of the Shah's anti-corruption programme announced two weeks ago, which resulted in the arrest this week of two Iranian Trade Ministry undersecretaries on charges of negligence concerning vast government purchases of sugar from the British firm Tate and Lyle.

They were accused of collaborating with two British executives of the company to sell the sugar to Iran at a price higher than that paid on the world market.

According to the Inspector at the Imperial Court, the fraud cost the government an estimated \$45 million.

Under a contract signed in February last year, Iran agreed to buy about 165,000 tons of sugar from Tate and Lyle at \$937 a ton, while the market price was \$880.

The Trade Ministry official who signed the contract, Hussein Ali Zadeh, justified the higher price by falsely claiming several months later that a verbal agreement was made with the company two weeks previously when sugar was dearer, it added.

The other accused official, Mohammed Ali Sairafi, was alleged to have used the same tactic over a 100,000-ton consignment in early March last year.

Finally, when the sugar was delivered, it was found to be of lower quality than that specified in the contracts, it said.

The Inspector's office went on to say that a long term agreement between the government and Tate and Lyle required the firm to give advice on developments in the sugar market and to say when was the most advantageous moment to buy.

It accused an official of the company, M.C.A. Paul, of falsifying documents in complicity with the two accused undersecretaries.

The \$400 million will be handed over in two phases on June 30 and Sept. 30. The amount, like an earlier \$300 million, will be allotted to the British Water Board.

The postponement of the second sum is considered to reflect a drop in Iranian oil revenue. Iran has \$7 billion in reserves, equivalent to six months' import.

The effect of wage restraint

on prices is becoming increasingly apparent. The rise in the cost of living which was running at an annual rate of 34.8 per cent over the first half of 1975 was reduced to little more than 14 per cent over the second half - still too high by any standard and especially by comparison with other major industrial countries, but moving in the right direction.

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In contrast, American motorists are going for medium sized cars like the Oldsmobile Cutlass, the Ford Granada and the New Plymouth Volare.

The market share for small cars rose from 40 to 50 per cent in a two year period, but the increase has been slower lately. Now, according to dealers, there is no visible increase in market share for these small vehicles.

Marketing experts see a number of reasons for the changing business pattern. One reason is the return to the market of the big car buyer, who has been holding off for two years.

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Belgium pledges opposition to EEC directive system

BRUSSELS, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Belgium will never agree to a "Directoire" system for running the European Common Market, Foreign Minister Renaat Van Elslande said today.

Commenting on the idea, originating in France, that the community it should be run in this way, he told the Senate Foreign Affairs committee: "The Belgian government could never agree to any directoire formula."

The Senate committee approved this statement by the Foreign Minister.

Earlier, government officials had shown reluctance to comment on the idea, but observers recalled that Belgium had been firmly against it in the past.

ECONOMIC BRIEFS

STUTTGART. — The Daimler Benz motor firm turned out 350,098 cars last year, 3 per cent more than in 1974. In 10 years Daimler Benz had doubled its output, whereas West German Motor manufacturer German Motor manufacturers as a whole had stepped up theirs by only 6 per cent.

WASHINGTON. — Fifty Dakota farmers have started a 10-day "strike" refusing to sell wheat, in protest against falling market prices. North Dakota is one of the main wheat growing areas.

TANANARIVE. — Iron deposits at Soalala on Madagascar's West coast will be a profitable commercial venture, two French mining specialists said. Meanwhile, a Japanese company, is planning to import between 40,000 and 50,000 tons of chromite from Madagascar.

JAKARTA. — Indonesian oil exports could not be expected to increase by more than 10 per cent this year because of slow world economic growth, according to Mining Minister Mohammad Sadli.

SINGAPORE. — The Straits Times group today announced plans for a daily business and financial newspaper, and the group editor said co-operation with the Wall Street Journal was a possibility. The editor, T.S. Khoo, said it was hoped to bring out the new paper before the end of the year.

India sells bitumen to Kuwaitis

NEW DELHI, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Kuwait is to import some \$4 million worth of bitumen from India during the current year, the Economic Times reported here today.

This will be the first time that India will have exported petroleum products to a Gulf country.

The initial contract of 10,000 tons of bitumen to Kuwait will serve as a blessing in disguise for India, since there has been a sharp decline in the consumption of this item owing to a slowdown in road building activity in this country. As a result the refineries have been faced with a serious storage problem.

Quoting authoritative sources, the paper said, apart from Kuwait, with which the first contract has already been signed, some more countries have shown interest in buying bitumen from India.

Against 800,000 tons of bitumen produced in India last year, production during the current year will be about 1,000,000 tons, the paper said.

Canada shows little enthusiasm for new EEC tariff ideas

OTTAWA, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Canada has made no promise to the (EEC) that it will lift price discrimination affecting foreign buyers of Canadian natural resources, External Affairs Secretary Allan MacEachen told Parliament.

The Conservative (Opposition) leader Rober Uoqfield, denied that Canada had made such a promise in return for EEC agreement to start negotiations on an economic and trade co-operation deal.

Mr. MacEachen said however that Canada did not rule out the possibility of the EEC countries having certain guarantees on purchasing Canadian raw materials.

Negotiations between the EEC and Canada should begin late this month or early in March.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed easier Thursday and at 15:00 the F.T. Index was down 0.7 at 399.6.

Interest was owing to investor caution in front of the government's measures to reduce unemployment.

Government bonds showed on balance falls of up to 5/8 point unsettled by the continued weakness of sterling.

Leading industrials, oils and banks were all narrowly lower.

Gold shares fluctuated with the bullion price and ended narrowly mixed. Dollar stocks were also mixed while Australians firmed slightly.

Losses of 3p to 4p were seen in Fisons, Glaxo, GKN, Hawker Siddeley and Unilever, while Courtaulds and Dunlop each gained 1p.

Among financials Dalgety rose 12p following press comment on its results.

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Putting bacteria to work to save energy

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A further shortage of fossil fuels has upset the economics of extraction and caused mining concerns to take a look at unorthodox processes that might be more economical. This has led to growing interest in the use of metallic ores with bacteria which oxidize sulphides.

the reactions performed by such bacteria, and the fact that the sulphates so produced easily ionize in solution, have contributed much to the geological history of the Earth.

Such bacteria, already used in low-grade operations in the USA and Canada, work at a temperature of around 30°C, which makes them exceedingly economical in the use of energy. But the slowness with which they work has remained the snag.

Mr. Norman Le Roux, head of the Microbial Metals Processing section of the British Government's Warren Spring Laboratory at Stevenage, had the bright idea of seeing whether, possibly, similar bacteria could be found which did the same job at higher temperatures and so, because most reactions in most living things speed up as it gets hotter, might do their work faster.

Mr. Le Roux contacted a London medical research worker, Dr. Tony Williams, who was organizing a scientific expedition to Iceland in 1974. Dr. Williams planned to collect bacteria from the hot springs which are common in that volcanic region.

His research interest was how bacteria, living in springs at temperatures from 50°C to 60°C, manage to protect their cell proteins from fatal denaturing. Mr. Le Roux, of course, had quite a different interest: he wanted to see if strains of bacteria like 'thiobacillus oxidans' existed in hot springs and, if so, whether they metabolized and so oxidized faster. For this reason, Dr. Williams was asked to return samples of water and sludge from springs in areas where sulphide ores were common.

When the samples arrived at Warren Spring, Mr. Le Roux found a rich harvest. Nine out of ten samples contained sulphide-oxidizing bacteria, all working three to four times faster than mesophilic bacteria (those that work around 30°C). The high temperature or thermophilic bacteria contained strains able to oxidize sulphides of nickel (a distinctly promising result), uranium (fairly promising), zinc (possible) and copper (a distant possibility). This was certainly a good start. But we may well ask if, in energy terms, the use of thermophilic bacteria is not self-defeating. Expensive energy must surely be expended to heat them, as well as the ore they work in, up to their working temperature. But in fact, because the oxidizing reaction is exothermic, it gives out much of the heat required once it is well under way.

Insulation is needed for efficient operation, of course, but on the other hand the tank space involved is reduced by some 65 to 75 per cent because the process goes much faster than that using mesophilic bacteria.

The rapid exhaustion of rich, easily-accessible deposits of some metals also means that mining organizations are turning their attention increasingly to the spoil heaps of ore and discard, previously considered too low in grade to be worth exploiting.

Solutions containing oxidizing bacteria, together perhaps with chemical reagents, can be run directly through spoil heaps in a continuous extraction process. The next stage should involve a search for further strains of thermophilic oxidizing bacteria. Meanwhile, Mr. Le Roux and his team are engaged in a thorough economic assessment of the entire process of using such bacteria for the extraction of several different metals. While it is too early to anticipate the results of this analysis, which should be complete in about six months, he is already prepared to say, cautiously, that the first indications are promising. Time is on the side of bacterial ore processing, and coming developments in microbiology may help as much as economic factors.



Members of Mr. La Roux's team examine a bacteria and ore sample, which is to be analysed for the increase in sulphate content.

Tonight's TV Features

A FAMILY AT WAR
HOPE AGAINST HOPE

May 1941: The blitz on Liverpool has brought the war very near home for the Ashtons, including Robert home on leave.

BIG VALLEY
NIGHT IN A SMALL TOWN

Tom Wells sheriff of a small town rules it with an iron hand. Heath arrives to that town with Sally. Sheriff tries to keep Sally with him. Heath challenges him.

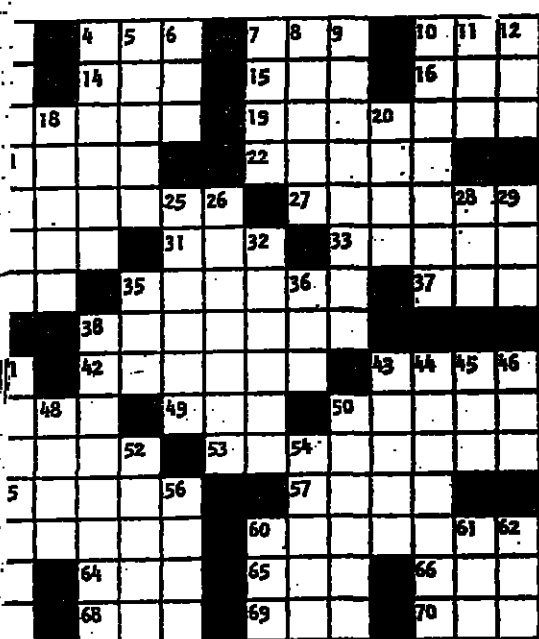
MYSTERY MOVIE
COLUMBO: MATTER OF HONOUR

Columbo, on vacation in Mexico gets involved in a car accident. He gets acquainted with the chief of police and helps him solve the case of a murdered Toreador.

SANDY DUNCAN SHOW
FROM RAGS TO RICHES TO RAGS

Sandy discovers a \$10,000 surplus in her bank account. The bank refuses to take it back for reasons unknown to her.

Crossword Puzzle



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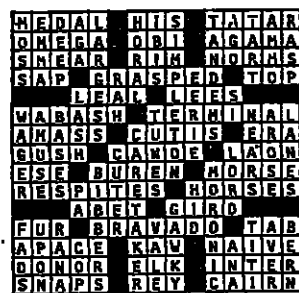
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- 4 'Health resort
- 7 Melody
- 10 Precious stone
- 13 Boat blade
- 14 Frigate hand
- 15 Great poet
- 16 Salty relish
- 17 Gift
- 19 Participant
- 21 Ointment
- 22 Alluring lady
- 23 Implores
- 27 Doggy
- 30 Merchandise
- 31 Do sewing
- 33 Animal shelters
- 34 Possesses
- 35 Tampico fare
- 37 Ram's mate
- 38 Israelite tribe
- 39 "Miserables"
- 42 Thoroughfare
- 43 Post
- 47 Record
- 49 Speroid fish
- 50 Divide
- 51 Perfect types
- 53 Rumored
- 55 Man from Malaya
- 57 American redman
- 58 Sweet pepper
- 60 Forsakes
- 63 The Beaver State: Abbr.
- 64 Strong drink
- 65 Prayer
- 66 Epoch
- 67 Standard amount
- 68 Compass point
- 69 Water or flower
- 70 Immerse

DOWN

- 1 Form of jazz
- 2 trumpet
- 3 New Jersey capital
- 4 Cubic meters
- 5 Bearlike mammal

- 6 Skill
- 7 Simians
- 8 Architectural style
- 9 Goes back over
- 10 Hard rock
- 11 Long period
- 12 Encountered
- 18 Chalcedonies
- 20 Western resort
- 23 Conceit
- 24 Today
- 25 Scottish lords
- 26 Study group
- 28 Delhi
- 29 Language suffix
- 32 Ripe
- 35 Hebrew letter
- 36 Shelter
- 38 Little dear ones
- 39 Garland
- 40 Gridiron man
- 41 trunk
- 43 Antoinette

- 44 Changed
- 45 "Got a Secret"
- 46 Influenced
- 48 Lighten
- 50 around (was mischievous)
- 52 Enough: Lat.
- 54 Irritate
- 56 "But the Lonely Heart"
- 58 Picnic drink
- 59 Gershwin
- 60 Small amount
- 61 Numerical prefix
- 62 Weaken



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21.00 Documentary
CHANNEL 6:
19.30 News in Hebrew
19.45 Varieties
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21.00 Living tomorrow
21.10 Family at war
22.00 News in English
22.15 Columbo (on both ch-
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7.00 Breakfast show.
7.30 News Bulletin
7.45 Morning Melodies
8.00 Pop International
8.30 Listener's choice
10.00 Sign off
12.00 Pop session (part I)
13.00 News Summary
13.03 Pop session (part II)
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Break for music
14.30 Songs
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy listening
17.00 Opera in Germany
17.30 Book Review
18.00 News Summary
18.05 News Reports Roundup
18.30 Good Vibrations
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 Songs
19.30 Sign off.

Market Prices

Apples (Double Red) 180-230
Apples (Golden) 120-160
Apples (Starken) 130-170
Bell Pepper 80-110
Cabbage 30-45
Cauliflower 25-35
Chestnuts 280-320
Grapefruit 40-55
Bananas 150-180
Carrot (Yellow) 50-75
Carrots (Black) 60-90
Eggplant (Large) 60-90
Beets 50-80
Cucumber (Small) 240-300
Cucumbers (Large) 140-180
Garlic 50-70
Lemon 70-100
Hot Pepper 300-340
Horse Beans 130-160
Marrow (Small) 160-200
Marrow (Large) 80-120
Mandarines 140-180
Onion 120-150
Oranges (French) 50-80
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Schmidt-Giscard talks start amid European moves to halt speculation

NICE, South France, Feb. 12 (AFP) — Top-level Franco-German consultations began here today against a backdrop of continued speculation on revaluation of the West German mark, which put further pressure on the French franc.

Dealers in Frankfurt and Paris said the West German and French Central Banks spent an estimated 100 million dollars today in an effort to keep the franc from sinking to its floor against the mark inside the European collective float or "snake".

Morocco takes key West Sahara post

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mez de Zalazar had ended his duties in the Sahara after five years as governor of the Sahara.

On the other hand Mr. Ahmed Mahjoub, a member of the Polisario's Foreign Relations Committee, told a press conference in Beirut that the issue was between the Moroccan and Mauritanian states, and the Saharan people, led by the Polisario. "Any Arab or foreign mediation that does not seek a substantive solution to the issue by sending the invading troops back to where they came from and allowing the Arab people in the Western Sahara to determine their future is doomed to failure," he said.

Meanwhile the O.A.U. Secretary-General William Eteki Mboumoua arrived last night in Casablanca from Algiers where he had three days of talks on the Western Sahara problem and met head of state Houari Boumediene.

Mr. Mboumoua also met representatives of Polisario.

In Casablanca he said the O.A.U. could "not remain indifferent to the tension existing in the Maghreb and he thought it is his duty to visit the region to see things for himself."

Meanwhile Algerian head of state Houari Boumediene arrived in Tripoli, Libya, for what informed sources said would be talks on the Western Sahara dispute with Libyan leader Moammar Kadhafi.

Colonel Kadhafi took Algeria's side in its dispute over the Western Sahara with Morocco and Mauritania after talks at Hassi Messaoud last month with President Boumediene.

The visit followed an Algerian government statement last night that mediation efforts by Arab and African countries in the dispute had broken down and there was now a risk of war with Morocco.



Mr. Helmut Schmidt

Their meeting was scheduled well ahead of the start of turbulence on the foreign exchanges three weeks ago, as part of the regular twice-yearly consultations held by French and West German leaders since the signing of a bilateral friendship treaty in 1963.



Mr. Giscard d'Estaing

But informed sources said both sides had come to the meeting with plans for steps to break the back of the monetary speculation.

MPLA victory brings wide recognition

((Continued from page 1)) said, had been imposed by Cuban and Soviet force.

UNITA "Foreign Secretary" Jorge Sangumba has said that the United States should use its influence to see that Soviet and Cuban troops leave Angola.

"Angola is not Vietnam," he said in a letter to the International Herald Tribune in Paris. "We do not want U.S. forces to come and fight for us. What we need is that the United States uses its influence to demand that the Soviets and Cubans leave our country and let us, Angolans, solve our own problems."

Portuguese Socialist Party leader Mario Soares in Vienna today called for national and in-

ternational discussions to bring peace to Angola and prevent it being turned into a new Vietnam.

As usual, there was no formal agenda for the summit, which also brought together about 15 French and West German ministers, but it had been reported both in Bonn and Paris ahead of the talks here that the two statesmen would discuss the monetary situation as part of their talks on European problems. President Giscard d'Estaing made no comment on monetary developments when he met newsmen briefly before lunch. He showed himself more concerned about the inability of the nine member countries of the European Economic Community to make their voice heard on the world political scene.

Questioned by journalists, he made it clear he was worried about the absence of joint action by EEC countries on the world scene, including their inability to take initiatives together on the Angolan conflict.

Doping incidents overshadow Innsbruck Olympic Games

INNSBRUCK, Feb. 12, (R). — The Winter Olympics were hit today by a second doping row over East European efforts to combat the influenza which has swept through most teams here.

The Czechoslovak ice hockey team was deprived of its victory over Poland on Tuesday because its captain and defence stalwart Frantisek Pospisil failed to pass a doping test after taking cold pills administered by his team doctor.

Earlier the International Olympic Committee (IOC) took away a bronze medal from the Soviet Union's greatest women cross-country skier, Galina Kulakova, for a similar reason.

Miss Kulakova used nasal drops for her cold the night before the five-kilometre event last Saturday, without realising they contained a banned substance.

In both cases, the IOC medical commission ruled there were extenuating circumstances and allowed the athletes concerned to return to competition.

Israeli arrest 26 Arab students

((Continued from page 1)) Thursday that the protest movements in and around Jerusalem have attained a pitch rarely experienced since the Israeli occupation started in June 1967.

In a related development, Arab delegates at the United Nations held a meeting at the Arab League office in New York to discuss the latest Zionist plans aiming at Judaizing the Aqsa Mosque and to coordinate the Arab delegates at the U.N.

The Palestine Committee comprising Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and the PLO is planning to lodge a formal complaint with the Security Council.

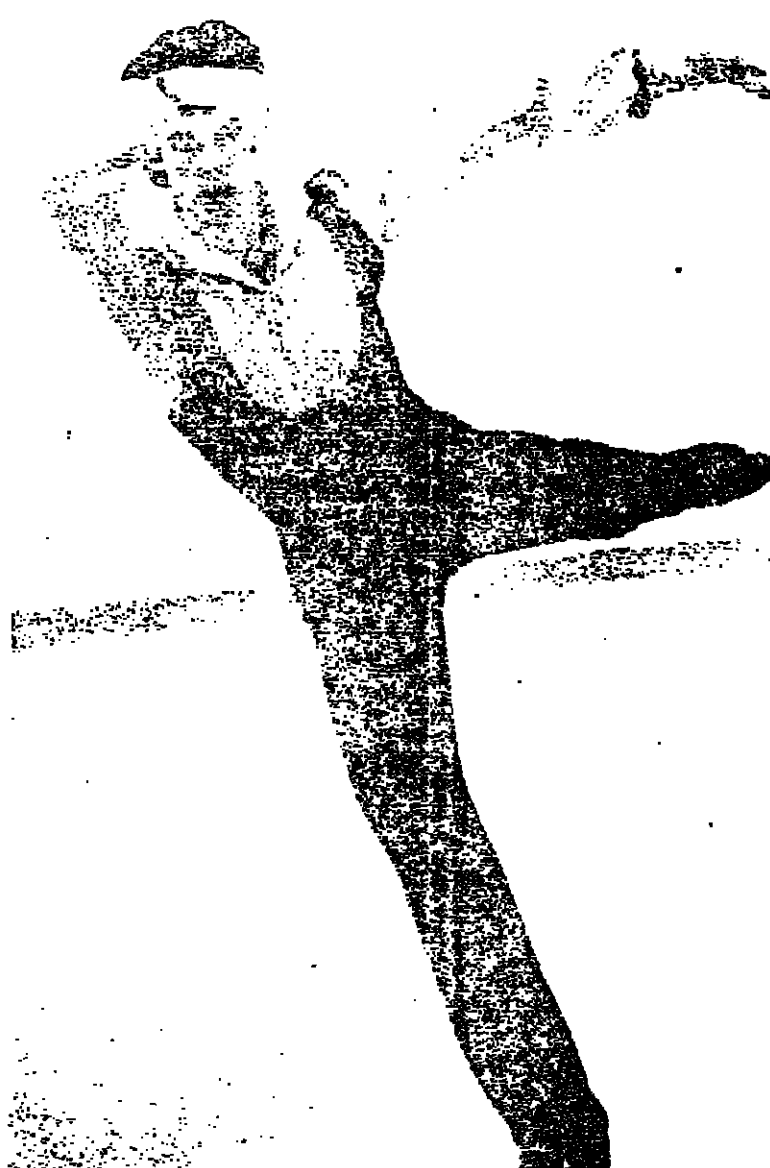
The Arab group stressed the need to launch an information campaign and to contact friendly nations and Islamic states throughout the world to counter the Zionist moves to alter the holy status of Al Aqsa Mosque.

New Moro cabinet ends Italy's crisis

((Continued from page 1)) only two major changes his new cabinet—the fifth he has headed—bringing in two "technocrats" at the finance and justice ministries.

He immediately came under fire from the rank and file of his own party for—in the words of one parliamentarian—maintaining the party's "internal oligarchy."

The parliamentarian, Signor Michele Zolla, charged today that Signor Moro had failed to heed the rank and file's demands for radical changes at the top.



GRACEFUL BRITON. — John Curry, British figure skater, shows his style during Wednesday's Olympic competition in Innsbruck. His brilliant performance won him the gold medal, the first time it has gone to a Briton. (AP wirephoto).

Floods cause serious damage in Australia

SYDNEY, Feb. 12 (R). — Floods submerged thousands of square miles of farming land and threatened isolated farms and towns in three Australian states today.

There were no reported fatalities but government officials estimated that damage to livestock and property would run into millions of dollars.

Sandbags were flown in to buttress sagging banks along swollen rivers stretching from Queensland state in the north east of the state of South Australia.

Emergency services described the situation as critical and evacuated eight towns in the northern sector of New South Wales.

Troops there worked frantically in one area to take 1,200 residents to temporary shelter on higher ground. At least 500 more rescuers, including bush-fire brigades, police and ambulance services, used helicopters, boats and four-wheel drive vehicles to rush in supplies and sandbags.

In northern south Australia record rains in the normal area started dry rivers flowing for the first time years.

Along the Queensland border New South Wales, power rage facilities were reported dozens of towns as local called for the area to be a disaster zone.

Some residents of the clivich (pop: 50,000), 25 m west of Brisbane fled homes before the flood which were reported adv the state capital.

The President of The Grain Growers' Association, Price, estimated that damage to summer crops more than 10 million dollars.

In New South Wales culture Minister Bruce Cowd tonight that the loss of stock in the floods—among here since 1890.

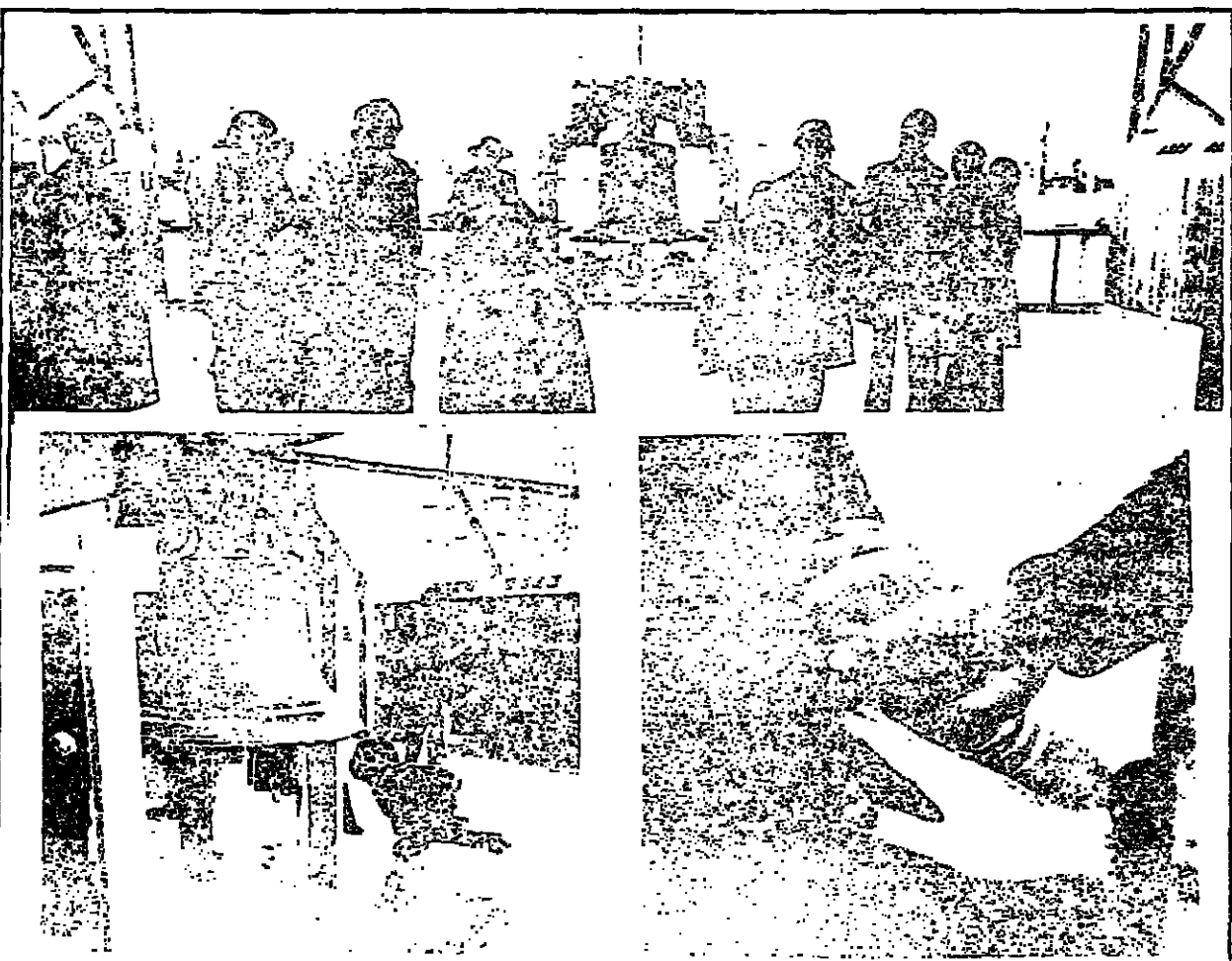
Avalanches kill in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Feb. 12 — A total of 27 villages today when avalanches down on two mountain in Bitlis province in Turkey.

The latest avalanche brought to 121 the number of persons who have died or have been killed by ches since the cold wave the beginning of January.

The governor of Bitvince, Fuat Capanoglu, bodies were recovered from houses destroyed by avalanche in the village of Kanat and that six per been killed and three injured by an avalanche hit the village of Kar.

It was learned, that rescue parties had ed to reach 40 persons by snow in a bus sin nesday.



NEW HOME FOR LIBERTY BELL. — With a record number of visitors expected in Philadelphia during this Bicentennial Year, one of America's most cherished and historic objects has been given a new home. The Liberty Bell has been moved from Independence Hall across the mall to a modern structure. It has long been a favourite attraction of tourists, many of whom are thrilled to touch its famous crack. The Bell was rung to announce the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and was rung every successive anniversary until 1835, when it cracked while tolling the death of Chief Justice John Marshall.

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